

# *Monroe County Legislature*

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## *Proclamation*

*Whereas*, twenty years ago, this July 26<sup>th</sup>, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 was signed into law; and

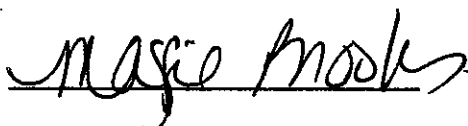
*Whereas*, this landmark legislation at once acknowledges the historic exclusion, discrimination, and segregation experienced by people with physical and mental disabilities, and pledges to eliminate these wrongs; and

*Whereas*, according to the 2000 Census, there are an estimated 50 million Americans living with disabilities, approximately 120,000 of which live in Rochester and Monroe County; and

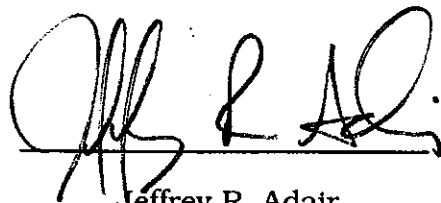
*Whereas*, the ADA has been the catalyst for substantial and far reaching changes that have resulted in the removal of many barriers to our built environment, employment policies and service delivery practices in government and in public accommodations, thereby significantly improving the quality of life and community involvement for people with disabilities; and

*Whereas*, disability rights advocates continue to strengthen the foundation of our country by actively promoting the full inclusion of people with disabilities into American life, reminding us that the democratic ideal of freedom must be universally accessible to us all.

*Now, Therefore, We*, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and Legislature President Jeffrey R. Adair, on this day, July 13, 2010, celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Furthermore we commend all those who have worked tirelessly, before and since, to secure equal rights, equal opportunity and inclusion in all aspects of American life for individuals with physical and mental disabilities.



Maggie Brooks  
Monroe County Executive



Jeffrey R. Adair  
County Legislature President